Objection on coastal security

2244. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether at a conference of DGPs and IGPs called by Government at New Delhi in September, 2009, DGPs of coastal States expressed unhappiness and concern about the proposal to set up coastal police stations and provide maintenance for high speed interceptor boats;

(b) if so, the details of the objections made by them besides the need to avoid multiplicity of authorities; and

(c) Government's decision in this regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (c) A Conference of DGPs/IGPs of the States/UTs was held on September 14-16, 2009 at New Delhi, during which, the issue of coastal security was discussed at length. Besides the Chief of Naval staff and DG, Coast Guard, the DGPs of several coastal States/UTs expressed their views on the subject. The participants highlighted the need for further strengthening of the coastal security scheme and maximizing the usefulness of the interceptor boats being provided by the Government of India under the on-going Coastal Security Scheme. The POL expenses for these interceptor boats are being borne by the Government of India.

With a view to ensure effective coordination among various agencies, the Indian Navy has been designated as the authority responsible for overall maritime security which includes coastal security and offshore security. The Indian Coast Guard is additionally designated as the authority responsible for coastal security in territorial waters including areas to be patrolled by Coastal Police. The role and responsibilities of different agencies have been distinctly defined. Integrated approach has been adopted with Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and coordinated action is being taken for coastal surveillance.

Insurgent organisations in NE States

†2245. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of insurgent organisations in North-East States and the number of times Government have banned them;

(b) the number of organisations out of them that are being run by Jehadis, details of places and names thereof;

(c) whether the new name of SIMI is Vahadne-e-Islami; and

(d) if so, the origin of Vahadne-e-Islami organisation and its relation with SIMI?

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